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A FAIRER IDEAL.

One of the thick and solid supporters

of Senator Rogers Q. Mills from way

back was the Austin Statesman. Its

editorial without measure, and its

rapidity without rhyme, in honor of

its Christiana ideal have gradually con-

fined into this.

Mr. Mills announced himself in the

hall of the house of representatives of

the Texas capital as a convert from the

theory of free coinage of silver

under the changed conditions then

existing, and he went further to make

an argument in favor of the monetary

policy of Mr. Cleveland.

Evidently Mr. Mills has again changed

front and is in favor of the govern-

ment repudiating half of its indebted-

ness by taking the benefit of the bank-

rupt act and paying its obligations in

silver worth 50 cents on the dollar.

Mr. Mills has a right to change his

political vestments as often as he

pleases, and we must confess he is

very adroit in the change, but he has

no right to recognize that the change

and Mr. Cleveland in charging them with

the responsibility of the different bond

issues. Mr. Mills knows as well as

Messrs. Cleveland and Cleveland know

that a silver issue would bankrupt

the country, for one of the strongest

arguments that have ever been estab-

lishing that fact was made by Mr.

Mills in the senate when he was in

the Texas capital. But Mr. Mills has

a right to retract his retraction. He

announced at one time not very long

ago that he was converted from free

silver by a recognition that the change

of conditions. Now, without a change

of conditions he announces another

retraction of his former retraction.

If his speech in the senate means any-

thing at all, it is right to do so ac-

cording to Mr. Mills, but even that right

does not embrace the right of a dem-  
ocratic to strangle a democratic admin-  
istration upon counts that are altogether  
false in their premises. Mr. Cleve-  
land is not so fortunate as Mr. Mills  
in the ability to turn his political coat  
whenever the wind blows that way."

ENLARGING THE EXPENDITURES.

The pension bill this year provides

for an appropriation of \$141,545,750. This

is less than the amount asked for and

the bill still contains two provisions

which will add several millions to the

pension expenditures.

One of the amendments reported by

the committee provides that where any

application was rejected under the

act of 1890 and subsequently allowed

on the filing of a new application the

date of the payment of the pension

shall begin with the filing of the

first application, provided the dis-

ability for which the pension is al-

lowed existed at that time. It amounts

to an increase in back pay for de-

pendent pensioners, and presumes that

the first applications were rejected on

account of the hostility of the bu-

reau officials rather than to the weak-

ness of the causes set forth by the ap-

plicants.

Another amendment of still

greater importance provides that a

soldier's widow, applying for a pension

under the act of 1890, shall not be com-

pelled to prove that she is dependent

for support on her daily labor, but

simply that her income does not ex-

ceed \$500 a year. The law is to apply

not only to the widows of soldiers

who died from injuries received in

the service, but to the widows of sol-

diers who have died from any cause

whatever. The plea advanced in sup-

port of the measure is that no sol-

dier's widow should be allowed to be-

come a pauper. The sentiment may be

admitted, but it becomes a fearful

burden on the government at a time

when it is forced to make loans to

sustain its credit, to declare that no

soldier's widow shall go unpensioned

if her income is less than \$500 in ad-

dition to the proceeds of her daily la-

bor.

There is no class of people in the

United States opposed to pensions that

are just and reasonable, but the pen-

sion bureau should not be made a

vampire to continually suck out all

the inflowing revenues from the na-

tional treasury.

TESTIMONY OF A GREAT BANKER.

The Gazette has invited the peers of

the cuckoo organs by contending that

the treasury gold statistics are inac-

curate, and that the amount of gold

in the country is far below the official

estimates. In an interview published

recently in the New York Herald Mr.

J. S. Morgan, a London banker with

American connections, said: "One of

the errors prevalent in the United

States is that there is lots of money

in the country. As a matter of fact

there is very little money in the coun-

try; lots of conventional money if you

are pleased to so call paper money,

but very little of the real money that

is current throughout the civilized

world, and that is gold. What there

is of this is on the Pacific coast or

owned in banks and trust companies

in other parts of the country. It is

in circulation."

FIRST, A LIVING.

A well-posted railroad official in-

forms the Gazette that preparations

are being made by the farmers along

the road he represents for an unusu-

ally large cotton acreage, and he pre-

dicts that with a good season all pre-

vious cotton yields in Texas will be

outstripped this year. The same story

comes from every quarter of the Texas

cotton belt. It is not possible to check

the impetus given by the favorable

prices of last fall, but the Gazette

earnestly counsels its agricultural

friends to beware of placing all their

trust in cotton—or any other crop.

Surely severe experience has made

plain enough the un wisdom of such a

course.

First provide for a living, then for

the markets. That ought to be the mo-

to of every Texas farmer.

The sharp rivalry between Fort

Worth and Houston for the Democratic

state convention was the principal

cause of the holding of two state con-

ventions in 1894. A compromise di-

vided the honors by dividing the con-

vention. A president of that sort is

more honored in the breach than in

the observance.

If John Bull expects to overtake

American sentiment by parading a war

fleet in American waters he doesn't

understand the temper of this branch

of the family. He should reserve that

foolishness for the Sultan and other

half-witted folks of the far East.

The new governor-general of Cuba

proposes to abandon the humane policy

practiced by Campos. A revival of the

cruelties of the former war in Cuba

would be an imperative call for the

interference of the United States.

The Austin Statesman says of the pro-

posal to hold one instead of two Demo-

cratic state conventions that "the

sound money men of the party will not

stand it." Isn't it a little early to be-

gin to play this familiar music?

There seems to be no disposition on

either side to press to a conclusion the

issue of veracity between the adminis-

tration and J. Pierpont Morgan as to

whether he went to Washington on his

own motion or on invitation.

Senator Mills' speeches against bonds

will not count for much with a bi-

metallic constituency as long as he

continues to vote for the perpetuity of

a gold standard policy that calls for

bonds.

The Spanish minister at Washington

assures the cabinet that the Cuban

revolution is about to collapse. Not a

bit of doubt of it, if the successor of

Campos is a man of suitable editorial

talents.

Mr. Gibbs has received \$200,000 worth

of advertising in the last two weeks,

but what does a man care for that

whose only remaining ambition is to

see the Harvey waddle back down the

Trinity?

Self-preservation may be the first

law of nature but it commands no re-

spect from the man who buys his sup-

plies from other cities when equally

good articles could be purchased at home.

The Houston Post prints a picture of

Hon. Barney Gibbs that looks like a

Cuban patriot celebrating the latest

achievement of General Gomez. Has

the libel law no terrors for the Post?

Toryism stands aghast at that inter-

pretation which makes the Monroe

doctrine mean America for Americans.

It has been accustomed to regard the

doctrine as a Yankee joke.

The United States pays \$300,000 a year

for its weather and the quality for the

last two weeks suggests that the nine

in the weather bill is at the wrong end

of the figures.

The Reed boom seems to be getting

the best of the McKinley boom in

Texas. Has somebody been tampering

with the insulation of the McKinley

wires?

Jim Cash-Cash, an Indian chief,

wants to be divorced from his squaw

because she paints her face. Who says

the Indian is not becoming civilized?

Fort Worth's proposed new union

depot is in statu quo, that is to say it

promises to be day after tomorrow

where it was day before yesterday.

Mr. Halford declares that England

would not have Venezuela if it could.

Without a Monroe doctrine behind it,

the case might be different.

Boss Platt may have been carried

away by the Morton boom, but Thomas

will come back before the St. Louis

convention.

Faderewski will not visit North

Texas this trip. He is evidently afraid

to trust his fluttering locks in a prai-

rie breeze.

What a great feeling of loneliness

must hang about the White House

since the dissolution of the bond syn-

dicate.

Before purchasing Spain's interest in

Cuba it would be well for England to

investigate the status of the vendor's

title.

England now recognizes the Monroe

doctrine but she is still not on terms

of intimacy with it.

The Republicans captured Maryland

but they are now having a tough time

in cutting the pie.

That Harrison is going into mari-

mony does not mean that he is going

out of politics.

It seems that belligerent rights are to

come to the Cubans at last through

Great Britain.

Mr. Harrison is doubtless well satis-

fied with the retainer for his last case

in court.

The inscription has effectively put

down Campos.

Wants it at Fort Worth.

Santa Anna News: We heartily in-

dorse the position taken by the Gazette

for only one state Democratic con-

vention. The Texas Democracy has no

more need of two state conventions

than a road wagon has for five wheels.

One state convention, and that one to

be held in Fort Worth.

LADIES SERVED NOTICE.

Committee Waits on Parties Sus-

pected of Selling Liquor.

New Boston, Tex., Jan. 20.—(Special.)